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Minister
Earl Barnett
January 16, 2012

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Attention: Disability Rights Office, Room 3-B431
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Office of the Secretary, FCC:

In regard to our petition for exemption from closed captioning for the "Seeking the Lost" television broadcast, please find enclosed three copies of our petition which includes exhibits A through D.

The "Seeking the Lost" broadcast is supported by nine individual congregations of the churches of Christ. Since the economic downturn, the number of congregations has dwindled from a previous of twenty sponsors. The broadcast has three individuals who donate \$200 each month. The combined amount of donations from congregations and individuals leaves the broadcast far short from the total amount needed for each month's payment. Consequently, the "Seeking the Lost" account was in arrears for the entire year of 2011 and almost all of 2010. Please note EXHIBIT A. The account is presently overdue with an outstanding balance of \$2,295.00 for December 2011 and soon January 2012 will be due which will mean we need \$4590.00 by February 2012 for the account at WIAT-42 to be current.

The entire staff of the "Seeking the Lost" broadcast consists of only of Earl Chandler Barnett and myself, Earl Barnett, Minister. Neither of us receive any compensation from the Seeking the Lost fund.

EXHIBIT B

This exhibit is submitted to assert that the "Seeking the Lost" broadcast already has an alternative to closed captioning because of the great amount of text displayed in each scene.

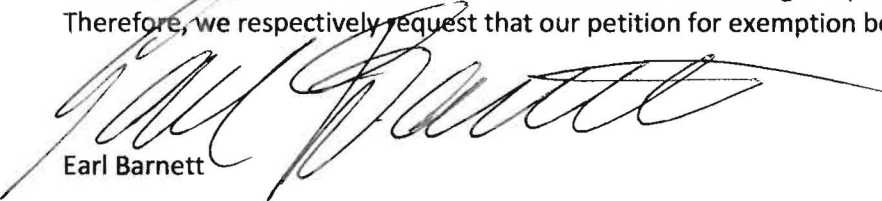
EXHIBIT C

This exhibit provides documentation that we have continuously attempted to raise support for the "Seeking the Lost" broadcast.

EXHIBIT D

Research into the cost of closed captioning for the "Seeking the Lost" broadcast would add at least \$230 per show.

Considering our present economic status, we maintain that the cost of adding closed captioning to our broadcast would result in an undue economic burden causing the program to cease production. Therefore, we respectfully request that our petition for exemption be approved.


Earl Barnett

The Churches of Christ Salute You

Transaction Search for 12/01/2011 - 12/30/2011

Sort: Date/Amount

Exhibit A

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ABA 062201274

Dilworth Church of Christ Se-002 245205

	Description	DB Amount	CR Amount	Serial Num	Ref Num
12/05/2011	Check Paid	<u>\$2,295.00</u>		112	
12/19/2011	POS Debit	\$25.87			
	MERCHANT PURCHASE TERMINAL 422638 WM SUPERCENTER SUMITON ALTRAN DATE 12-16-11SEQ				
12/27/2011	POS Debit	\$69.99			
	MERCHANT PURCHASE TERMINAL 469216 HNS HughesNet com 866 347 3 MDTRAN DATE 12-27-				
12/28/2011	Bank-Prepared Deposit		<u>\$1,965.00</u>		
	Deposit Correction		<u>\$10.00</u>		
Totals for Account 245205		\$2,390.86	\$1,975.00		
Total Debits/Credits		3	2		
Totals for ABA 062201274		\$2,390.86	\$1,975.00		
Total Debits/Credits		3	2		
Totals for Report		\$2,390.86	\$1,975.00		
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Remit To:
WIAT-TV
PO Box 59496
Birmingham, AL 35259

Ph: 205-322-4200 Fx: 205-320-2727

Airtime Invoice

Invoice #: 29155	Page: 1 of 1
Date: 12/25/11	Month: December
Contract #: 11063	
Contract Dates: 01/02/11-12/25/11	
Brand: PAID PROGRAM	Network: WIATHD
Estimate #: 2011	Proposal #:

Billing Address: EARL BARNETT 1404 DRUMMOND CEMETARY ROAD JASPER, AL 35504	Advertiser: EARL BARNETT	Contract #:
	Billing Period: 11/28/11-12/25/11	Contract Dates:
	Salesperson/Office: John Isaac / WIAT Local	Brand: PAID PROGRAM
	Rev. Type: Cash Agency Local	Estimate #: 2011
Comments:		Proposal #:

Airtime Revenue

Scheduled					Actual Broadcast							Reconciliation		
Line	Days Ordered	Times Ordered	Rate	Spots	Air Date	Day	Time	Length	ISCI/Title	Rate	Debit	Credit	Reason	
1	Su	06:00 am - 06:30 am	\$675.00	4	12/04/11	Su	06:00 am	28:30	USE COC19	\$675.00				
					12/11/11	Su	06:00 am	28:30	USE COC19	\$675.00				
					12/18/11	Su	06:00 am	28:30	USE COC19	\$675.00				
					12/25/11	Su	06:00 am	28:30	USE COC19	\$675.00				
Total Scheduled For This Period:			\$2,700.00	4	Billed Spots: 4				Total Gross Billing	\$2,700.00				

We warrant that the 'actual broadcast' information shown on this invoice was taken from the program log and will be available, upon request, for inspection by the advertiser or agency for at least twelve (12) months from the date of this invoice.

Agency Commission	(\$405.00)
Net Due	\$2,295.00

Special Handling:

Exhibit A

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Statement of Account

Last statement: November 30, 2011
 This statement: December 31, 2011
 Total days in statement period: 31
 000-024-520-5 032 337
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 DILWORTH CHURCH OF CHRIST
 SEEKING THE LOST MINISTRIES
 1404 DRUMMOND CEMETERY RD
 JASPER AL 35504-5408

Direct inquiries to:
 205 221-3121

Exhibit A

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Summary of Account Balance

Account	Number	Ending Balance
Non-Profit Checking	000-024-520-5	\$2,161.26

Non-Profit Checking		Account Number	000-024-520-5	1 Enclosure
Beginning balance	2,577.12			
Deposits/Credits	1,975.00	Low balance		186.26
Withdrawals/Debits	2,390.86	Average balance		810.95
Ending balance	2,161.26	Average collected balance		751.00

Checks

Number	Date	Amount	Number	Date	Amount
112	12-05	2,295.00			

Other Debits

Date	Transaction Type	Description	Amount
12-19	Check Card Purchase	Merchant Purchase Terminal 422638 WM SUPERCENTER SUMITON AL TRAN DATE 12-16-11SEQ # 135023360011	25.87
12-27	Check Card Purchase	Merchant Purchase Terminal 469216 HNS HughesNet com 866 347 3 MD TRAN DATE 12-27-11SEQ # 136128000705	69.99

Deposits/Other Credits

Date	Transaction Type	Description	Amount
12-28	Deposit		1,965.00
12-28	Deposit Adj-Credit		10.00

Balance Summary

Date	Amount	Date	Amount	Date	Amount
11-30	2,577.12	12-19	256.25	12-28	2,161.26
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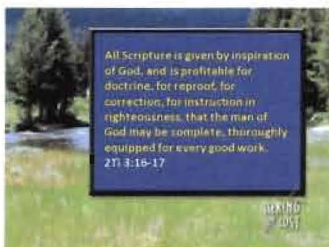
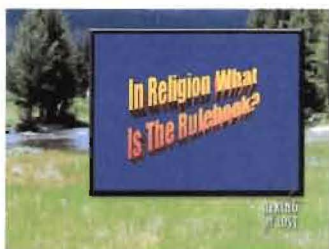
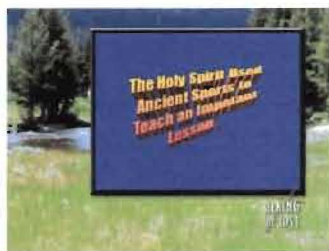
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Exhibit B



This is the format of each and every broadcast of the "Seeking the Lost" program. Each program is prepared with Microsoft Power Point, and contains the text and the scriptures being discussed.

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Earl Barnett, Minister

Dilworth Church of Christ

1404 Drummond Cemetery Road

Exhibit C

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8/10/2010

"Seeking the Lost"
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1404 Drummond Cemetery Road
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Dear Supporter:

This is urgent.

At this point I am over \$7,500.00 dollars in debt to WIAT CBS 42. Contributions to the Seeking the Lost broadcast has declined with the economy.

From February, 2010 through May, 2010 the Seeking the Lost broadcast has been received into **121,025** homes in Central Alabama!

We are at the right station, please note the honors bestowed on CBS 42 this year.

The Alabama Broadcasters Association awarded CBS 42 the following honors:

Television Station of the Year

Best Regularly Scheduled Newscast

Best Reporter – Phillip Ohnemus

Merit award for Feature – "Staying above Water" (Reporter, Rick Jackson)

Best Local Programming "Poison in the Air"

The Associated Press bestowed the following awards to CBS 42:

Best regularly Scheduled Newscast – CBS 42 News at 5

Best Documentary – "Poison in the Air"

Best Web journalism.

I know the economy is bad and many of you suffer, but remember that in spite of a famine all over the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar, the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren that dwelt in Judea.

We can't afford to lose this spot.

Please give this your immediate attention; I need your help now!

Earl Barnett

The Churches of Christ Salute You

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"Seeking the Lost" Dilworth Church of Christ 1404 Drummond Cemetery Road Jasper, Alabama 35504

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5/11/2011

Dear Brethren and Supporters of the Seeking the Lost Broadcast.

I thought it was time to give you an update on your investment in the Seeking the Lost broadcast.

April, 2010	14,930	Households
May, 2010	21,910	
June, 2010	16,173	
July, 2010	12,419	
August 2010	18,240	
Sept 2010	14,213	
Oct 2010	18,053	
Nov 2010	17,051	
Dec 2010	19,073	
Jan 2011	12,781	
Feb 2011	9,700	
Mar 2011	12,168	
Total	186,711	Households

Another way of looking at these figures is by applying the usual 3 person per household rule; consequently, this translates into 560,133 people who have heard the gospel within that 12 month period.

It is not all good news, for I am behind for February, March and April for a total of \$6885.00.

Brethren, I implore you to consider the powerful message we are caring to these households, and determine in your hearts to help me in this worthy endeavor.

Please respond quickly.

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07/18/2011

This personal letter was addressed to an individual, and it shows how I have tried to raise support from every source I could think of.

I need your help. Please review the enclosed letter stating the effectiveness of our TV broadcast (Seeking The Lost) that airs on CBS 42 each Sunday @ 6:00 A.M. In these economic times many supporting churches has had to cut their support; consequently, our account has fallen behind to the tune of \$7,500.00.

I don't want to boast, but to let you know I am willing to sacrifice; I am closing an account with RSA-1 (Retirement Systems of Alabama) in the amount of \$1600.00 to invest in this important program. I use the word "invest" instead of "donate" because of what Paul wrote, "Php 4:17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." I firmly believe that those who invest in this great effort will lay up treasure in Heaven. I receive no compensation from the Seeking the Lost account.

We reach thousands of people each Sunday with the everlasting gospel, and we cannot afford to lose this important broadcast.

On another note, my daughter and her husband told me of a visit they made to your horse farm; I would welcome an invitation to see your horses.

Sincerely,

Earl Barnett

1404 Drummond Cemetery Road

Jasper, AL 35504

Pho 205 648 8697

205 522 2051

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Exhibit D

From: Constance Carlson [mailto:ccarlson@vicaps.com]

Sent: Monday, January 16, 2012 3:19 PM

To: 'tvpreacher@yahoo.com'

Subject: Your Captioning Quote

Hi Earl,

Good speaking with you! Video Caption Corporation would be delighted to assist you with the Closed Captioning of your weekly 30-minute English language religious program.

As I understand it, you would provide your programs to us on DVCPRO(25). Our deliverable to you would be a Closed Caption Master (Basic Roll-up Style Captions) on DVCPRO(25).

Pricing: \$235

Price includes transcription, captioning, encoding to DVCPRO(25), and tape stock. Please know that your captioning will be 100% accurate and perfectly timed to your video. Our standard turnaround for your project is 3 business days. Our standard turnaround for your shows is 3 business days. As a regular client, we will waive rush fees for the occasional 2-day turnaround of your shows and significantly discount our rates on faster turnarounds and other services.

Again Earl, we would be honored to assist you with your captioning needs.

I'll follow up with you tomorrow to discuss our quote and answer any questions you may have!

Best regards,

Constance

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